

How Blind Children Are Trained.
In the New York state school for the blind at Batavia, some of the best work for the blind is being accomplished. It is, in fact, becoming a standard school, and is showing remarkable results as to what can be done in the way of bodily improvement from carefully studied physical training, says the Craftsman. It is making self-reliance a most valued possession of children who would otherwise go through life trembling with fear and with outstretched hands to ward off peril. The physical culture work at Batavia is divided into eight classes: kindergarten, primary boys and primary girls, intermediate boys and intermediate girls, junior boys, senior boys and senior girls. Children in the kindergarten are trained by marching and simple exercises with musical dumbbells. They graduate to rings and wand exercises in the primary classes and attain to barbells in the junior year. In the senior classes boys are exercised with dumbbells and chest weights and by running and military marches. The senior girls use dumbbells, barbells and Indian clubs, and are also trained in marches. Work is given outside of the regular hours to those whose interests or needs are greater.

Exiles No Longer.
In the numerous articles appearing from time to time on the progress of the home cure of tuberculosis nearly all the emphasis is made upon the purely scientific side—upon the wonders of modern medicine, of modern experiments and modern achievements. And that the scientific strides in the treatment of tuberculosis are little short of marvelous, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, is not to be denied. It is greatly to the credit of the medical profession that it has demonstrated in the abstract the curability of the disease, and then in the concrete has wrought the cure at the patient's own home. But there is the sentimental, the mental, the "heart" side of the revolution which, while spoken of little, is not its least important aspect. Under the home treatment it is no longer necessary to make exiles of loved ones—to banish the tuberculosis patients to the distant lands of the west, there to while away their hours in isolation, homesickness, introspection and dread.

Holland for some unaccountable reason is putting off the spanking of Castro, although for some time past it has had an official permit from the nations of the earth and several generous offers to hold its coat. Castro must bear a charmed life. For one who has been threatened with terrible licks for so many years he certainly looks healthy and robust and good for many happy returns of the ultimatums. Many schemes are being put forward for the securing of universal peace, but Castro has them all beaten. He has tried his and it works. Just what it is no one seems to know, but certainly it is fine medicine for the warding off of an impending war. Perhaps he is guarding the secret jealously until such time as he can bottle the dope and put it on the markets of the world.

From Winnipeg comes news of the death of Louis Riel, the only son of the leader of the Red river rebellion in western Canada, which first brought Lord Wolseley into prominence, and made him Sir Garnet. On the approach of Col. Wolseley, Riel fled across the border into the United States, where he remained for some years. Returning to Canada he was elected a member of the house of commons, but in 1885 he again headed an armed insurrection, and this time he was captured, tried for treason, convicted and hanged. His son Louis, who has just passed away, was only 36, and was employed as an engineer on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

Modern brick buildings of ten and twelve stories are being taken down and replaced by steel frame structures of greater height on Broadway, New York. While the foundations of the original skyscrapers are strong enough to sustain additions above them, there is enough saving of space in the new plan of thinner walls to make the change profitable.

The estimated cost of the Roosevelt dam, which is part of the Salt river irrigation scheme, has been cut down by \$1,000,000 by the establishment of a government cement mill on the spot.

A gas explosion in New York tore up 50 feet of street and injured four men. The explosion was a tribute to the desire to make a fool of oneself which springs eternal in the human breast. A man sought to locate the leak with a lighted match, and did so with emphatic results.

There is talk of doubling the speed of the Wright aeroplane. If that can be done they may yet give exhibitions of pigeon-catching in the air, or racing with wild ducks.

BOYS AND GIRLS

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

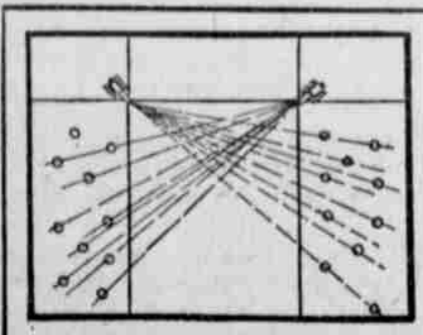
Misfortunes of the Man Who is Always "Just Going To."

He meant to insure his house, but it burned before he got around to it.
He was just going to pay a note when it went to protest.
He was just going to help a neighbor when he died.
He was just going to send some flowers to a sick friend when it proved too late.
He was just going to reduce his debt when his creditors "shut down" on him.
He was just going to stop drinking and dissipating, when his health became wrecked.
He was just going to provide proper protection for his wife and family when his fortune was swept away from him.
He was just going to introduce a better system into his business when it went to smash.
He was just going to call on a customer to close a deal when he found his competitor had preceded him and secured the order.
He was just going to quit work awhile and take a vacation when nervous prostration came.
He was just going to repair his sidewalk when a neighbor fell on it and broke a leg.
He was just going to provide his wife with more help when she took to her bed and required a nurse, a doctor and a maid.—Success Magazine.

A WAR GAME.

It Can Be Played on Slate, Paper, or Wooden Board.

Draw on your slate or paper a plan like that in cut below. The dots



Board for War Game.

represent soldiers, one side being French and the other side German. Each player is provided with a sharply pointed pencil, and the game is played thus:

The German, keeping the point of his pencil on a spot denoted by a cannon, drags it quickly across the slate in the direction of the other army. The pencil naturally leaves a line to mark his track, and if this mark passes through any of the men belonging to the other side, they are considered dead. The game is over as soon as all the men on one side are dead. Each player has a certain space on the slate allotted to him, and he may dispose of his men in whatever part of it he pleases.

The track of the pencil must be straight or curved; any shot in which there is an angle does not count. We here give a battlefield where the strife is ended. In this the German side has killed all the opposite side in eight shots, while the French in eight have only been able to kill nine men.

A Steady Job.

The origin of "graft" is probably in the discovery that something easy brings in a large reward. The only problem, then, is to find the easy thing. Tastes differ. A writer in Lippincott's Magazine gives an example of a "graft" which most persons would not care to cultivate.

An expert golfer had the misfortune to play a particularly vigorous stroke at the moment that a seedy wayfarer skulked across the edge of the course. The ball struck the trespasser and rendered him insensible for a brief time. When he recovered, a five-dollar bill was pressed into his hand by the regretful golfer.

"Thanky, sir," said the injured man, after a kindling glance at the money. "An' when will you be playin' again, sir?"

The Difference of a Letter.

A professor in the University of Berlin, who came to this country a year ago, was much surprised, according to a story which President Hadley contributes to the Yale Alumni Weekly, when he traveled in a sleeping-car, to be asked by the porter for his berth ticket.

"My birth ticket?" he said. "I have my passport, I have my letter of credit, and I have even in my trunk my certificate of vaccination, but why the railroad should want my birth ticket I do not see."

"But," said the porter, "I must know whether you have upper or lower berth."

"Upper, of course!" said the German. "Look at my passport. Does it not say, 'Well and highly born'?"

New York's Costly Fire Department.
There is a difference between the fire departments of London and of New York city. The London department costs ten cents a year for each inhabitant, while the department of New York costs \$1.75 for each New Yorker.

ACROBATIC SKELETON.

How You Can Amuse and Mystify Your Friends.

Which is certain to cause much astonishment if well arranged beforehand. Get a piece of board about the size of a large school slate, and have it painted black. The paint should be what is known as a dead color, without gloss or brightness. Sketch out the figure of a skeleton on a piece of cardboard and arrange it after the manner of a jumping-jack, so that by holding the figure by the head in one hand and pulling a string with the other, the figure will throw up its legs



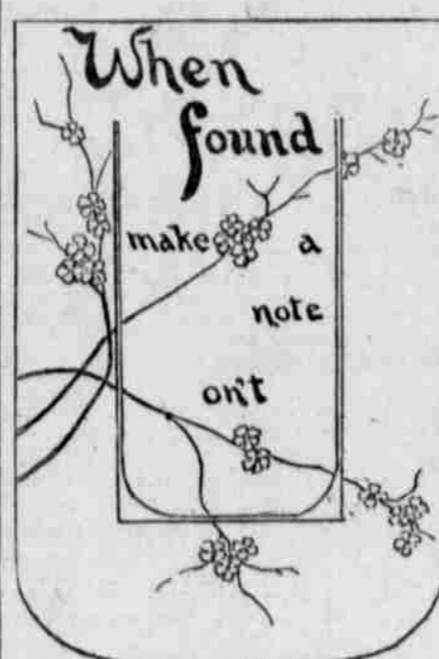
An Amusing Trick.

and arms in a most ludicrous manner. Make the connection of the arms and legs with black string and let the pulling string be also black. Then tack the skeleton by the head to the black board. The figure having been cut out must be painted black to match the board. Now to perform: Produce the board, directs the Philadelphia Ledger, show only the side upon which there is nothing. Request that the lights be lowered slightly and take up your position a little way from the audience. With a piece of white chalk make one or two attempts to draw a figure; rub out your work as being unsatisfactory and turn the slate round. The black figure will not be perceived on account of the board being the same color. Rapidly touch the edges of the cardboard figure with chalk, filling up the ribs, etc., at leisure, taking great care that nothing moves while the drawing is progressing. Then manipulate your fingers in front of the drawing and command it to become animated, when, by secretly pulling the string attached to the skeleton with your foot it will, of course, kick up its legs and throw its arms about, to the astonishment of the company. A little soft music from the piano will greatly assist the illusion.

BOOK-MARKERS.

Suggestion for a Nice Little Gift to a Friend.

These are very pretty and useful made of sheet celluloid. Cut a piece two inches by three inches. Round



The Book Marker.

the lower corners slightly. Commence at half an inch from the top and half an inch in from the edge, and draw a light line around three sides to within half an inch from the top again. Cut through this line with a pair of sharp scissors. Round the corners of the flap just formed. With gilt paint and a fine brush ornament the book-mark with an appropriate motto, interlaced with a simple outline design. A quotation from one of the recipient's favorite authors is a good motto; or, "Everything in its place, and this is your place," or "When found, make a note on it."

Good English.

A French lady living in America engaged a carpenter to do some work for her at a stipulated price. She was surprised later to find that he charged more than the price agreed upon. When she attempted to remonstrate with him, however, her English failed her and she said:

"You are dealer to me now than when we were first engaged."—Success Magazine.

Complain of American Methods.

Merchants in South America complain that manufacturers in the United States are too often inclined to "unload" undesirable goods on them.

ROUND THE CAPITAL

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

Squanders \$4,000,000* in Five Years

WASHINGTON.—Countess Julia W. L. Seckendorf, the dashing beauty who rose from lady's maid to mistress of millions of dollars, through which she ran in five years, declares that she had no regrets because her fortune has been squandered.

The countess is now said to be at least \$100,000 in debt, and was forced to undergo the humiliation of seeing the last of her property sold at a debt sale.

"I spent it when I had it," the beautiful countess is reported to have remarked to a friend.

"I haven't any regrets now that it is gone. Some people have money, but they won't spend it. Frankly, I cannot see what good it does them."

The career of the countess, who is an American girl, is as romantically interesting as that of any woman in the world.

Once the lavish entertainer of cabinet members, ambassadors, senators and social lights in Washington, the Countess Seckendorf, who five years ago fell heir to the \$4,000,000 estate of her second spouse, gained a reputation as a spender, tearfully watched her last possessions passing into the

hands of others to the accompaniment of the droning voices of auctioneers. It is said that the countess owes about \$100,000, although the figure has not been authoritatively announced.

Some years ago Miss Julia Davidson, the present countess, entered the employ of Mrs. John O. Donner as maid. The Donners had a daughter named Elsie, and Miss Davidson cared for the child.

About six years ago Mrs. Donner died and Donner married Miss Davidson. Immediately the house became the center of social life among the wealthy people of the district. Servants seemed everywhere, and the new Mrs. Donner began to enjoy life to the utmost. Her millionaire husband was devoted to her and his affection was returned. Elsie, Donner's daughter, still lived on the estate.

After Donner's death five years ago Mrs. Donner came into the great fortune. She went to Washington and mingled with the fashionable set there, meeting the count, who captured her heart. She soon squandered her money.

Leper to Have Home with His Family

THE strict isolation in which John R. Early has been kept by the district health officers is to be broken. Within a short time Early is to be permitted to live with his family.

That is, he will be allowed to dwell in the same house, but will not come in direct contact with them. He will have his own sleeping apartment, bed linen, towels, dishes and other domestic appliances.

This has been practically decided upon by the health officials. The plan will not be carried into effect until the commissioners have received the report from the solicitor of the treasury as to whether or not the federal authorities have power to transport the leper to North Carolina, the latter's home state, regardless of the fact that that commonwealth has refused to accept him.

Although the decision has not been forwarded to the commissioners, it is known that the solicitor's opinion is adverse. He has said that the federal department is powerless to act, and has reported to the secretary of the treasury to that effect.

The commissioners will take no action until they have received the opinion in official form from the latter. That Early is to be a permanent care of the district is the conviction of the officials.

Welsh Singers Refuse President's Wine

"GET thee behind me, Satan," is what 25 husky Welshmen thought when offered some of President Roosevelt's sherry at the conclusion of a White House concert the other evening. What each really said was:

"No, thank you; none for me." The Welshmen gave a private concert for the edification of the White House family. The event slid along like a hunk of tallow on a hot stove-pipe. The president nearly blistered his hands applauding the "Men of Harlech." Mrs. Roosevelt's face was suffused with pleasurable enjoyment at the rendition of "Old Black Joe."

The bad guess and its consequences came as the last words of the final chorus drifted out of an open window.

Civil War Veteran Returns Pension

VESPASIAN WARNER, commissioner of pensions, told President Roosevelt the other day of a remarkable case of stricken conscience. Some time ago the commissioner received a letter from a pensioner of the civil war surrendering his certificate and enclosing two \$500 coupon bonds of the United States and a draft for \$172, thereby making full restitution to the government of all money he had received on account of the certificate of pensions.

Commissioner Warner refused to give the name of the soldier and declared he had not disclosed it to the treasurer of the United States, to whom was turned over the conscience money.

When the conscience contribution first arrived the commissioner caused an examination to be made of the records in the case. On the showing the veteran was entitled to his pension beyond a question. A special examiner was sent out to make an investigation on the theory that the soldier might be mentally irresponsible.

The conscience-stricken man was found to be in excellent health and of sound mind. Thereupon the account with conscience was declared closed and the bonds and money were turned into the miscellaneous receipts of the treasury department.

JUST A CHEAP ONE.

Campaign Spellbinder Could Have Done Much Better for \$25.

He had made a fair speech in favor of his political candidate for governor and against the other, and when he had finished a friend stepped forward and shook hands with him and said: "I want to compliment you on your effort. It was great."

"Then you liked my remarks, eh?" "They were bang-up. I didn't know it was in you to orate the way you did."

"O, I did fairly well, I guess. But you must remember at the same time that this was only a cheap speech. The regular orator failed them, and they rung me in for \$15. Of course, I could not spread myself for that. Say, I wish I had been making a regular \$25 speech. If I had been I should have called the opposition candidate a liar."

"I should have shown his utter unfitness for office."

"I should have proved that his election would ruin the country."

"I should have advanced statistics to chill the blood."

"I should have appealed to my hearers not to bring about a state of anarchy and bankruptcy."

"I should have summoned every patriot in the audience to go to the polls early and die for American liberty."

"I should have trotted out Bunker Hill, the American eagle and the star-spangled banner and waved them around until men would have busted a lung in cheering for them."

"As I said, this was only a cheap effort—a few remarks for \$15, but if they have pleased you and strengthened your belief in our cause, why—why—"

And they drank together and signed out that the country was saved again.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



Arabella—Ah, John, there was a time when you couldn't see enough of me.
John—Well, I can see plenty of you now, can't I?

Eagle Lost Its Prey.
Eagles still hover over the crags that make the Cumberland narrows noted. John H. Horchler, an engineer, found a pheasant fluttering in his yard at Cumberland and observed a large eagle flying away. The eagle had dropped the pheasant and made frantic but unsuccessful efforts to recover it, flying into the yard, but was frightened away by the presence of Mr. Horchler, who found the pheasant fluttering with jagged holes in its neck from the eagle's talons.—Baltimore News.

Fujiyama Modernized.
The beautiful mountain peak of Fujiyama, which is regarded by the Japanese as little short of sacred, is to be modernized by electricity. For the benefit of tourists the mountain top and the trail to it will be illuminated by electric lights. Hotels and refreshment houses will be erected on the mountain slope, as well as telephone and telegraph stations.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Deftness Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Seek Advancement Always.
Endeavor always to be content in that state of life in which your lot has fallen, and think it a great fault not to employ your time for the improvement of your understanding, health, or estate.—Lady Fanshawe.

PERUNA A TONIC OF GREAT USEFULNESS.



HON. R. S. THARIN.
Hon. R. S. Tharin, Attorney at Law and counsel for Anti-Trust League, writes from Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C., as follows:
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